



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received very little, if any, moisture last week. This along with above average temperatures for this time of year allowed farmers to continue fall farming operations. Producers were allowed 6.7 days suitable for field operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	30	53	10
Last Week	7	27	56	10
Last Year	21	35	42	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	37	41	9
Last Week	13	36	42	9
Last Year	13	42	43	2

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 98 percent emerged with the crop in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: The corn crop was 72 percent harvested by week's end with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Sorghum was 60 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. The dry bean crop was 95 percent harvested. Sugarbeets were 77 percent harvested and rated in mostly good condition. The sunflower crop was 74 percent harvested and rated in mostly fair to excellent condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 2, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	4	11	32	28	25
Last Year	2	3	20	50	25
Sorghum					
This Week	10	26	33	27	4
Last Year	0	1	25	63	11

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions improved slightly even with the warm, dry weather last week and were rated in mostly fair to good condition. Fourth cutting alfalfa harvest was 71 percent complete by week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated slightly above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 2, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	7	20	40	29	4
Prev. Year – 2007	5	13	38	41	3
5-Year Avg.	7	18	41	30	4

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Development Ratings for Week Ending November 2, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	98	95	97	97
Corn				
Harvested	72	61	77	63
Sorghum				
Harvested	60	47	65	54
Dry Beans				
Harvested	95	90	97	97
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	71	65	80	79
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	77	60	75	77
Sunflowers				
Harvested	74	62	81	74

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	1	23	45	31
Alfalfa	2	7	33	34	24
Sugarbeets	3	5	24	49	19
Sunflowers	4	14	27	24	31
Livestock	0	6	20	62	12

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.